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SUBJECT: FOREIGN AFFAIRS QUESTIONS RAISED IN DEBATES OF
GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

1. IN TURKISH SENATE DEBATE OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT
PROGRAM ON JULY 29, PRIMIN DEMIREL LASHED BACK AT CRITICS OF
HIS PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM. HE SAID,
"WHAT FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS COULD HAVE BEEN SOLVED
ANOTHER WAY? WHAT WOULD THEY (THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY) HAVE
DONE. WE SAID THAT THERE COULD BE NO CYPRUS SOLUTION AGAINST
THE NATION'S WILL....THE GREEKS SAY THE AEGEAN IS THEIRS.
HOW CAN WE ACCEPT THAT? DURING THE TIME WE WERE IN THE
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GOVERNMENT, THE GREEKS BEGAN TALKS, SOMETHING THEY HAD
PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO DO.... IT IS TRUE THAT THE EMBARGO ISSUE
HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THE UNITED
STATES HAS LINKED IT WITH A CYPRUS SOLUTION. WE SAY THE UNITED
STATES HAS NO ROLE IN THIS BUSINESS AND SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED.
WHAT WOULD YOU (THE RPP) HAVE SAID?"

2. THE SOLE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) DEPUTY, FARUK SUKAN, SAID DURING THE DEBATE OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON JULY 30, "THE EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS NOT JUST AN ARMS EMBARGO; IT IS ALSO AN ECONOMIC EMBARGO. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT WHERE WE WILL FIND ARMS FOR OUR MILITARY WHOSE EQUIPMENT IS 90 PERCENT AMERICAN MADE. WE HAVE NO FOREIGN EXCHANGE. WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO RESOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST BE DONE."

3. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) DEPUTY SENER BATTAL OF KONYA, IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN ON AUGUST 1 SAID, "IT IS DEFINITELY CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ACTING LIKE AN ALLY TODAY. TURKEY MUST LOOK TO EVERY POSSIBLE SOURCE FOR ITS WEAPONS, NEEDS. THE SOURCE CAN BE JAPAN OR THE SOVIET UNION; THE GOAL IS TO IMMEDIATELY ASSURE THE NEEDS OF OUR ARMY."

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM AND THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES DEALT MAINLY WITH DOMESTIC ISSUES, FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN PRESS COVERAGE. WE EXPECT THAT THESE ISSUES WILL INCREASINGLY BE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC POLITICAL DEBATE IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
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